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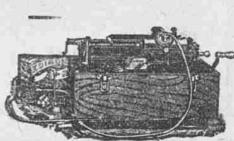
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earthed yesterday morning in an examination into the value of a feather floak, reputed to be worth \$2,000, and which was destroyed in the plague fire. S. L. Peleioholani, a descendant of one of the high chiefs, and a great great grandson of Kamehameha The Great, was the owner of the garment and he testified before the court of fire claims yesterday as to the value of that article, and also of other heirlooms handed down from generation to generation.

Peleioholani had a claim of \$2,140.05 said Commissioner Testa. made up for the most part of items. valuable heirlooms, which the claimant said he had refused to part with many times. He is the son of Paleioholani and Pukeau. His grandfather was the son of Kalaniulunoku, who was a grandson of Kamehameha The Great, His grandfather had married Kahana, a daughter of Keeaumoku, who was the original owner of the cloak. The latter was a high chief, and one of the ministers of Kamehameha, who bestowed various presents upon his minister's vife, all of which had been destroyed in the fire. The claimant had been in enough cash, according to the claimpossession of the feather cloak since ants, to pay the present debt of Hathe death of his father, and told of wall. David Lelelo, a hackman, who many attempts which had been made claimed to have over \$300 in gold burnto get the heirloom from him. He said ed up, was questioned rather sharpl he had been offered as high as a thou- by the commission. He said that the sand dollars for the cloak, and that money had been put away in a trunk, ministers of King Kalakaua had ap- and was to have been used to purchase proached him, in an effort to secure possession of the cloak for the king, amined upon the matter, and contra All these offers he had refused, he said, dicted her husband in a few minor pur because of the value of the cloak as a ticulars, but no tangible evidence of family heirloom, and he stated that no fraud was obtained. could have bought it. At one king and tried to influence him with wine. They placed a pile of gold pieces at his side, but he refused the tempting offer. The only cloak at all similar to the one destroyed in the fire, is now in the Bishop museum, and experts in antiquities fully sustained the valuation made by the claimant, of \$500, and ad-

ded that the real value was nearer The claim of Peleioholani presented eemingly exorbitant figures, but the answers of the claimant and his wife, were so truthful and straightforward, that they compelled acceptance by the

commission. The principal items con-

tained in the claim are as follows:

ne feather coat	\$500.0
ne wreath oo feathers	80.0
ne wreath mamo feathers	120.0
ne 'necklace	40.0
ne necklace. bree large calabashes, 28 x 30	140.0
ve calabashes, 7 x 12	25.0
ne spear, 13 feet long	10.0
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Box peacock plants Sixty fathoms of rope Four blocks for fishing aku

Mrs. Mary Ailau was called as a witnot less perfect pictures of the Pall, ness to testify as to the value of the front rank of his profession. It is not by the fire. She was examined prinrelics claimed to have been destroyed cipally as to the cloak, and more than sustained the claim of \$500.

"How much do you think the cloak was worth?" questioned Chairman Macfarlane.

"It was very valuable," responded the witness, "it might be worth \$2,000." "How much would you give for it?" "I have offered \$500, but he wouldn't | 2 sell it; my cousin offered \$700 but he

still refused to sell it." "If it was put up at auction, how much would you bid for it? As high "Yes, it is worth that easily."

"Would you go as high as \$2,090?" "Yes, if I had the money." "When did you see this cloak last?" "Fifteen years ago."

"And did you offer him that amount

"Yes, and I tried to get it later. I | 2 met him on the road and coaxed him to E Aing and Bethel Streets. sell it, but he wouldn't do it at any

cloak couldn't be duplicated in the Islands?"

"No. sir.' "No money could buy a cloak like that?

The only clock like it, of Oo feathers pelonged to Kamehameha and is in the Bishop museum now."

"That's the same one is it," asked commissioner Testa, "that they had in this room when Kamehameha died, and aid upon his coffin?" "Yes, it is the same."

The claimant himself was then crossexamined as to the value of the cloak and he stated the facts as related above. He said the feathers were from the Oo bird, which was "tabu" except to the chiefs, and that the bird could not be killed at all. There were but seven of the kind of feathers used in the cloak under each wing. He said further that it had required the feathers of from 20,000 to 30,000 birds to make the cloak.

Relative to the gold coin the witness stated that the \$220 had been saved up for the purpose of paying off a mortgage. A gold necklace listed at \$80 he sald was presented to his great grand-Witness Says Relics Are Diamonds father by Prince David Kamehameha, and a pair of gold earings listed at \$50 had been presented to his great grandmother by another prince.

Three trunks which were listed at \$60, \$90 and \$130 respectively, the claimant said had contained clothes. His Some very ancient history was un- wife, Kekumano, had lists of the clothes in the trunks and she was called also as a witness, to tell the value of the

She was also asked as to the value of the famous feather cloak, and replied: 'It is impossible to get a cloak like it for any money, those things are the diamonds and gold of the Hawaiian

Regarding several boxes of fishtail ferns which the claimant said he had bought for four dollars apiece, the commission indicated that this item would be cut. "You can buy all those you want at auction for fifty cents apiece,"

"How much did you agree to pay your attorney?" asked one of the commissioners of the claimant "There was no agreement."

"Didn't you decide beforehand, what you had to pay for presenting this

"No, sir, my attorney notified me, that because I was a member of the Home Rule party he would do it for

"We congratulate you," said Chairman Macfarlane to the attorney, J. L. Nakookoo, who was present in court, MORE GOLD BURNED.

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